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Defense Information Systems Agency headquarters facility reaches major safety milestone

BALTIMORE – The Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) headquarters facility at Fort Meade, Md., surpassed the milestone of one million exposure man-hours without a lost time injury last month.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, awarded the \$400 million design-build contract on the DISA project to Hensel-Phelps Construction Company of Chantilly, Va., in February 2008.

Hensel-Phelps' safety program focuses on indoctrination, housekeeping, training, compliance and enforcement. One way they showed their importance to safety was by establishing a monthly safety council and incentive program. Another effective behavior-based tool has been the Safety Training Observation Program (STOP), which is marketed by DuPont Chemical Company. STOP helps organizations build a strong safety culture by encouraging team members to observe, analyze, correct and prevent unsafe acts that are the major causes of more than 90 percent of all injuries.

Hensel-Phelps has consistently been ranked among the top general contractors and construction managers in the Nation by Engineering News Record publication, which provides news, analysis, data and opinion for the construction industry worldwide. The company has also received the H.B. Alexander Award for Safety from the Associated General Contractors for the highest work-hour exposure without a construction lost workday case, in addition to numerous other awards including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recognition.

DISA is a combat support agency with the goal of providing real-time information technology and

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communications support to the Nation. The DISA headquarters will relocate to Fort Meade as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure legislation and approximately 4,000 DISA employees will be moved from their current location in Arlington, Va.

Construction on the project began in March 2008 and the facility is scheduled to open by September 2011.

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